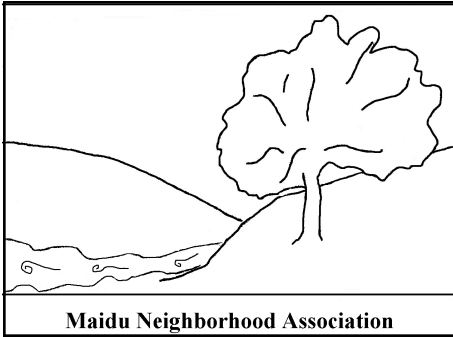


# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 2013



### National Night Out

by Lance Hibben

National Night Out (NNO) is planned for Tuesday, August 6, running from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. The Maidu Neighborhood Association is hosting this year's NNO activities at the Pavilion at Maidu Park (near the batting cages).



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Did you know Maidu Neighborhood Association is recognized as one of the most active and successful Roseville neighborhoods? You can find out more by joining us at NNO. You can make our neighborhood even better by getting to know your neighbors. It does not matter if you are new to the neighborhood or a long-time resident, this is great opportunity to meet and socialize with your neighbors, find out what's going on, learn about monthly and annual activities, learn how to stay informed, meet representatives from the Roseville Police and Fire Departments, and more. This year, we're keeping things simple but want to see YOU there (yes, you). Join us for activities, ice cream, and root beer floats! There are a number of ways to get involved (see list below) or just show up and enjoy yourself.

Items and Volunteers needed for the following:

1. Need neighbors to bring and/or set-up folding tables, chairs, 2-5 pop-up shade canopies.
2. Need neighbors to bring "age-appropriate" games and someone to organize them (ideas: bean-bag toss, bocce ball, croquet, etc.).
3. Need a parent to organize and arrange activities for small children such as balloons, face painting, story teller.
4. Need people willing to serve ice cream and make root beer floats. Cups, spoons, napkins, and all food will be provided.
5. Need neighbors to set-up decorations on tables, pop-ups, set-up neighborhood photo display, neighborhood banner, etc. (all to be provided).
6. Need people to help clean-up beginning at 8:30 pm.

If you can provide one of the items above or volunteer your valuable time, please call or text Lance Hibben, this year's event organizer, at 204-4839 by July 23. I look forward to seeing you at our National Night Out ice cream social.

**Temporary Meeting Location for summer.** The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 7 pm at Alta Manor Senior Residence, 930 Oak Ridge Drive, Roseville.

*Search for Maidu N.A. on Facebook and "like" us.  
Our web site is [maiduna.com](http://maiduna.com)*

**We thank Melinda Shrader of Coldwell Banker (773-7535) for the 4th of July flags!**



## City Officials Give Details on Maidu Park Fire

by Scott Reid

We all have ways of thinking of our neighborhood. Perhaps it is a home of many years, or one to which we've recently moved. We may appreciate different things about it, its two elementary schools and two parks, its creeks and wildlife, its nearby shopping and its mostly quiet streets.

On Friday, June 21, we learned of a new way to think about it. On this afternoon it became a place of two kinds of fire that literally stopped us in our tracks – wildfire and structure fires. At our June 25 Maidu Neighborhood meeting, City of Roseville officials explained what happened, how they responded, lessons they learned, and lessons for neighbors to consider as well.

In the heat of the afternoon, at about 2:30 pm, a fire was reported in the undeveloped east end of the Park. The fire fighters across Johnson Ranch Drive at Station Four happened to be out at another fire when the alarm came in, so other stations were the first to respond. Station Four returned from the other fire shortly thereafter and joined the response.

The wildland fire engines that first responded found fire on both sides of Strap Ravine, the main creek that runs through the Park. The Battalion Chief on scene quickly called in additional units as the light breezes picked up strength, and the wildfire began to grow and move up hill. The fire was stopped on the west side of the creek, but on the east side flying embers created spot fires ahead of the main burn and spread it further.

As it became apparent that it would continue east toward homes, additional trucks were called in from surrounding cities and from the California Department of Forestry (CDF) until there were 47 trucks and other equipment and 180 fire fighters involved. Assistant Chief Jeff Carman noted, less than half of the fire-fighting apparatus came from Roseville, a testament to the cooperation between Roseville, other local departments, and CDF.

Carman said the type of help called in at this point changed as well, as the fire expanded from being a wildfire to also threatening to cause structure fires. A wildland fire engine is lightly equipped to move across uneven terrain; it can pump approximately 200 - 500 gallons of water per minute; and the crew wears relatively light clothing so they can run through grass and brush in the heat of summer. An engine which is used on structure fires can pump 2,500 gallons of water per minute or more, and the crew wears a full suit of heat-resistant gear.

Five homes suffered varying damage from the fire. Wood fences and shake roofs accounted for most of the materials that caught fire as embers drifted to houses nearest the Park. While crews mopped up the park fire and others put out the structure fires, Battalion Chiefs and others patrolled nearby streets watching for evidence of more fires in the area.

Police closed several streets, particularly sections of McLaren and Johnson Ranch Drives to protect the hoses that crossed those streets. Throughout the time of the fire and in the days that followed, the area attracted people from all over who wanted to see what happened. On the morning after the fire, traffic on McLaren was 3 - 4 times the usual amount for a Saturday, but it was also at or below the 25 mile-per-hour limit as visitors and neighbors alike did sight-seeing. Several neighbors posted signs thanking fire fighters.

Fire Marshal Jason Rizzi noted that the point of origin of the fire was identified, and the fire was determined to be arson. They made this determination with the help of a CDF wildfire expert. Police Lieutenant Cal Walstad noted that once the arson determination was made, it became a police matter.

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## Fire Officials Comment *(cont'd from Page 2)*

Lieutenant Walstad also said there has been much speculation by the press and neighbors about the children spotted near the fire at the time it started. He noted that they only know there were children nearby, but don't know that they had anything to do with setting the fire. For this reason the Police Department is looking for anything unusual that anyone may have noticed during the fire. Contact Lieutenant Walstad if you have a tip. His phone number is on the cover of this newsletter.

Neighbors at the meeting asked the following questions (in bold print):

**Where was the Fire Department during the time the fire was moving up hill toward houses on McLaren and Johnson Ranch Drives?** Chief Carman noted that wildland fire engines don't sound a siren as they approach a fire, so there wouldn't have been that normal announcement of their arrival. He said they went to the interior of the park on both sides of the creek. He also said that a couple of decades ago the strategy with wildfires was to go straight at its advancing edge and try to split the fire into two. However that tactic has been dropped as it cost too many fire fighters their lives. The strategy used now and employed in this fire is to attack the fire on its non-advancing flanks (sides) and follow it in the direction it is moving. This approach meant that those fighting the wildfire were not easily visible to neighbors outside the Park.

**Some neighbors reportedly did not get an automated call about evacuation. The pattern appears to be that SureWest customers did get the call, but Comcast customers did not.** Chief Carman said this is being investigated with both phone companies to be sure the cause is understood and prevented from reoccurring. He also noted that a number of homes no longer have a landline, but instead rely purely on cell phones. The City, along with Placer County, is in the process of updating its emergency notification system to allow those homes to register their cell phone numbers so they can also receive emergency notifications.

**I need the Police or Fire case number to file with my insurance company.** The case numbers are 172-13-6584 (Police) and 13-6104 (Fire).

*See next month's newsletter for additional fire coverage including plans for the pipes in the oak-planting areas, and actions neighbors can take to protect their homes in case of future fires.*

## Newsletter Delivery- - Do we have two volunteers?

We need a neighbor to deliver newsletters on Winchester and also a neighbor to deliver on Bunker Hill. It's easy. All you need to do is drop a newsletter on each porch once a month. What do you say? Can you volunteer for one of these routes? If so, e-mail Jim Kidd at [jckidd@hotmail.com](mailto:jckidd@hotmail.com).

## We Can Help Make Our Safe Neighborhood Safer

by Geoff Kragen

Living in the Maidu neighborhood gives us the opportunity to be involved with our own safety. Both the Roseville Police and Fire Departments have asked us to be aware of what is going on around us. If we see anything suspicious in the neighborhood or park, we should call it in to the appropriate agency. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. To alert either the Police or the Fire Department about a suspicious activity, call the non-emergency number, (916) 774-5000.

REMEMBER, it is vital that we don't confront any individual. What we should do is gather as much information as possible; for example, license plate number, vehicle description, and description of any suspicious individual. Take pictures if you can do it safely.